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Application No.: 09/689,548

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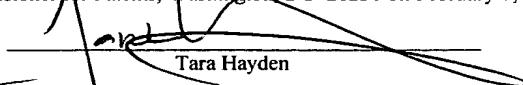
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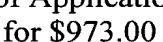
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the original, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application and Assignment, in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted mailed December 6, 2000. Please file these documents in the subject application.

Applicant hereby request a one month(s) extension of time in which to respond to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted December 6, 2000. Enclosed is our Check No.  for \$973.00 in payment of the filing fee, assignment recordation, surcharge, and one-month(s) extension fee for a Small Entity. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. INVDP001).

Respectfully submitted,  
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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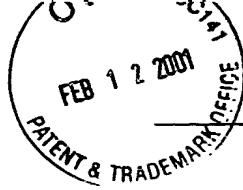
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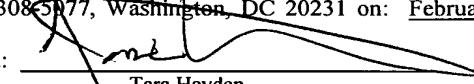
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Dear Sir:

Please take note that when the above Applicant filed their application, they explicitly requested that the filing fees be "deferred" until receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts. In reviewing the Notice to File Missing Parts and the Official Filing Receipt, it appears that the Patent Office has charged the attorney of record's deposit account in the amount of \$1,546.00, Control Nos. 56 for filing fee, 57 for individual claim, and 58 for additional claims, which is for large entity. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27. Applicant requests the refund of half of the filing fees charged to deposit account 50-0388 on October 18, 2000. Thus, Applicant is requesting a refund in the amount of \$773 to be credited to deposit account 50-0388 (Order No. INVDP001).

Respectfully submitted,  
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## Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

## Foreign Applications

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## Title

Hybrid valve apparatus and method for fluid handling

## Preliminary Class

422

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